

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #6- FUNDING FOR PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

ISSUE: Update on the proposed Commercial Real Estate Tax to fund priority transportation projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) receive the staff update.

DISCUSSION: After an extensive outreach process and a public hearing on November 3, 2010, the Commission recommended that the City Manager include in his proposed FY 2012 budget, the list of priority transportation projects developed by the Commission. The budget that was presented to the City Council on February 8, 2011 included a 12.5 cent commercial add-on tax to fund transportation projects. The budget includes a list of priority transportation projects that would be funded by this tax. A number of changes were made to the original list of projects recommended by the Commission. The changes are listed below.

1. Holland Lane extension removed
 - a. Project not likely to be built prior to redevelopment
2. Transportation technology project added
3. Sub-projects broken out

The City Council held a budget worksession on February 15, 2011 to discuss the proposed Commercial Real Estate Tax and the proposed project list. At that worksession there was discussion of some of the projects on the list. The major feedback that was heard is listed below:

- Support for Corridor 'C' and desire to move up funding
- Questions about the importance of \$22M on second entrance to the Eisenhower Metro Station
- Desire to move up funding for new Trolley/Circulator service
- Questions about inclusion of the Bradlee Transit Center

- Desire to fund additional DASH service
- Desire to accelerate funding for the intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue/Russell Road

The Council will be holding public hearings on the budget and the proposed tax rates with budget adoption scheduled for May 2011.